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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable McGeorge Bundy,
The White House

SUBJECT: NSC Standing Group Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 5 P.M.: Cuba

Attached for circulation to members of the Standing Group
for the July 16th meeting are the following papers:

1. A proposed statement on Cuba to be made by the President, drafted jointly by ARA and USIA.
2. A proposed statement on Cuba drafted by ARA as a statement to be made by the President on July 26.
3. A "Cuban Balance Sheet" prepared by INR [REDACTED]

The first draft statement represents the draft ARA and USIA were requested jointly to prepare, and meets the minimum views of both of them. It could be issued at any time; a possible occasion would be the Alliance for Progress Commemorative Ceremony in Washington on August 17th, to which the President has been invited.

The second statement, which is addressed specifically to the Ju, v 26 date, represents the flavor, content and approach to a statement that would be preferred by ARA.

The INR paper examines group attitudes in Cuba toward Batista and Castro Regimes and seeks to assess performance in certain key sectors during the Batista period as well as against Castro's promise and performance. It should be read in conjunction with the proposed statements.

H. Lewis Johnson

Enclosures:

As stated.

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